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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: FIC/LOGAR AIRPORT

REF: (A) STATE 197854; (B) STATE 219846

(C) KABUL 6959; (D) KABUL MEMCON 10/9/73

1. REF MEMCON BETWEEN EMBOFF MC GAFFEY AND MALYAR POUCHED TO DEPT (NEA/PAB) ON OCTOBER 16 PROVIDES LATEST INFO ON STATUS OF PROJECT.

2. IN SUM, AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY STILL WAITING FOR PROJECT APPROVAL BY NEW GOVERNMENT. WHEN APPROVAL GRANTED, THEY WILL CONFINE THEIR INTEREST TO SHORT-LISTED INTERNATIONAL AERADIO (U.K.), MONTREAL ENGINEERING (CANADA) AND AIRWAYS ENGINEERING (U.S.). SELECTION WILL BE LARGELY DETERMINED BY TRAINING INPUT.

3. MALYAR HAS BEEN REMINDED OF U.S. OFFER TO MAKE SPACES AVAILABLE TO AAA IN EXISTING USAID NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAM. MALYAR EXPRESSED SOME CONFUSION, AND LIMITED INTEREST, SINCE HE SAID FIRST PRIORITY WAS TRAINING FOR TECHNICIANS. HE INDICATED THAT CANADIANS WERE MAJOR HOPE FOR TRAINING ASSISTANCE. IN RESPONSE TO TELEGRAM FROM CANADIAN AMBASSADOR (RESIDENT ISLAMABAD) REQUESTING SPECIFICS DESIRED, MALYAR SENT LONG LETTER DETAILING TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS OVER SHORT AND LONG TERM WITH COST TOTALLING \$3.45 MILLION (MORE THAN VALUE OF CONSULTANCY CONTRACT). MALYAR EXPLAINED THAT WITH CANADIANS THEY WERE APPROACHING IT AS STRAIGHT AID DEAL, WITHOUT NECESSARY TIE-IN TO GRANT OF CONSULTANCEY
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CONTRACT. THE CANADIAN TELEGRAM APPEARED TO BE DISCUSSING

POSSIBLE LOAN RPT LOAN TO FINANCE TRAINING, POSSIBLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH WORLD BANK. MALYAR WAS EXPECTING A REPLY SHORTLY FROM CANADIANS.

4. TRAINING REQUESTED BY AAA DIFFERS FROM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN OPERATION FIC INCLUDED IN IDA CREDIT IN THAT IDA CREDIT WILL HIRE ICAO EXPERTS TO OPERATE AND DIRECT NEW OPERATIONS, WHILE AAA WANTS ADVANCED TRAINING FOR ITS PERSONNEL TO REPLACE ICAO EXPERTS.

5. EMBOFF HAS CALLED MALYAR TWICE SINCE 10/9 AND MALYAR HAS REPORTED QUOTE NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS END QUOTE, I.E. PROJECT NOT YET APPROVED, CANADIANS HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED.

6. FOR ISLAMABAD: COULD EMBASSY, AT ITS DISCRETION, INQUIRE AS TO INTENTIONS OF CANADIANS?
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